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1. The Lepaya Fish and Canning Factory (Liepajas Zivju Kombinats) is supplied by the Lepaya and Ventspils Fishing Fleets. The Fishing Fleet in the Gulf of Riga also supplies this factory; the fish are transported by road to Lepaya from the various artels along the shores of the Gulf. The fish is smoked, salted, and canned.
2. The majority of the finished products are taken from the factory to the railroad station for transportation onward, presumably to the Soviet Union. The salted fish is of such low quality that nobody in Lepaya would eat it unless compelled to by famine.
3. Depending on the season and amount of fish available, the factory works one to three shifts per 24 hours, but never less than one shift. Output per shift is approximately 50 tons.
4. Most of the fish processed at the factory are cod and small herrings from the Gulf of Riga. They are canned as Sprotes (sic; sprats?).
5. The director of the factory was a Latvian of German origin named Farbtuchs, but he was transferred in April 1952 to direct the Mangalu Fish Factory in Riga and was succeeded by a Russian. The chief engineer of the Fish Factory is a Russian woman and the party organizer is also a Russian woman.
6. It is known that the Ventspils Fish Factory (Ventspils Zivju Kombinats) has a maximum output of 50 tons per three shifts.

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Legend to sketch of Lepaya Fishing Harbor and Fish Factory:

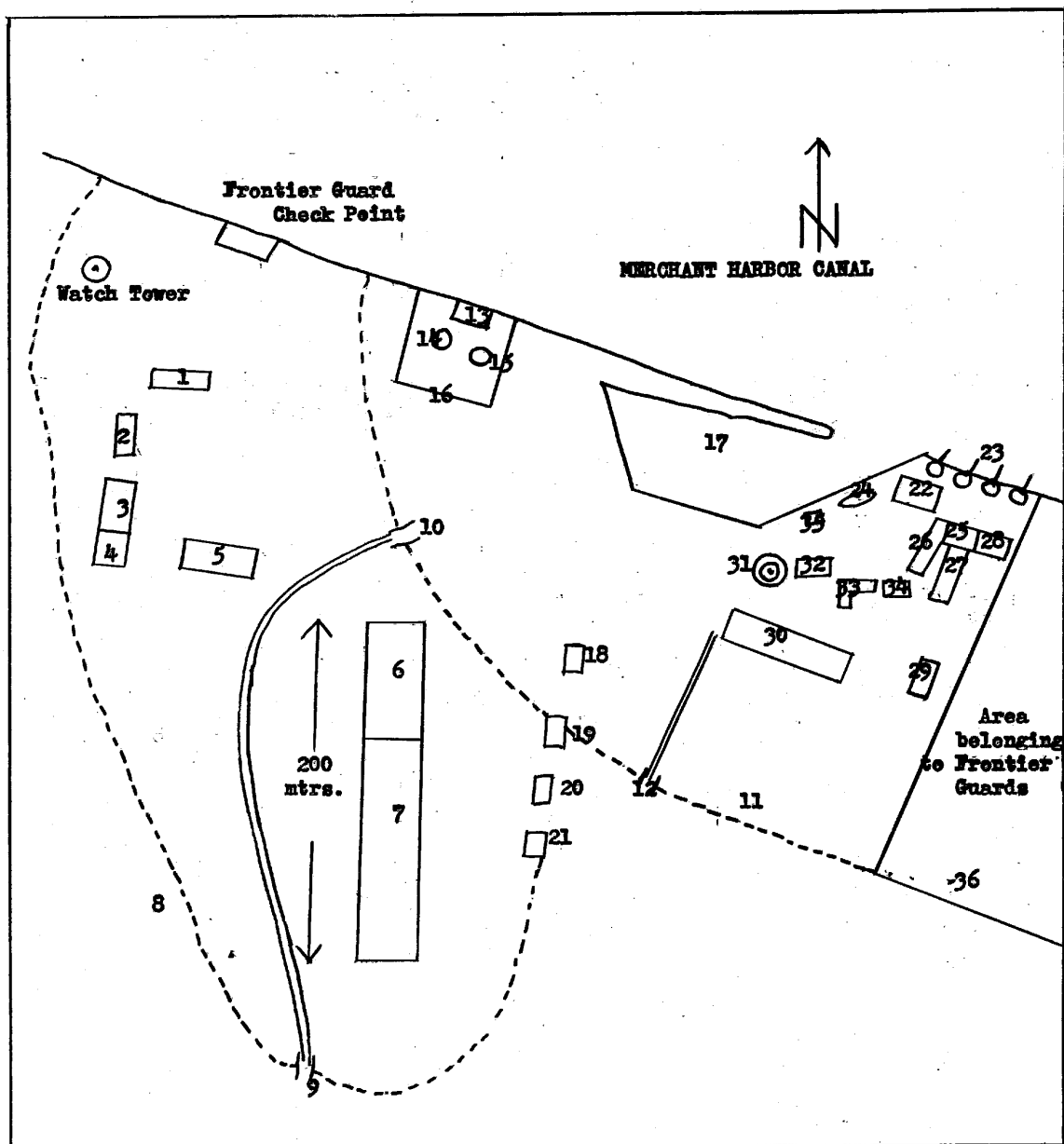
1. Mechanical workshop; repairs to engines of fishing boats.
2. Electrical workshop and welding works.
3. Fishing net repair workshop.
4. Garage where three or four trucks are housed.
5. Joiners and carpenters; also building of small boats.
6. Warehouse storing various spare parts and fishing nets.
7. Part of warehouse still under construction.
8. Barbed wire fence completed in spring 1952.
9. Gate to fishing harbor used by fishermen.
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11. Barbed wire fence.
12. Gate used by workers of Fish and Canning Factory.
13. Fuel base for fishing boats.
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15. Two cylindrical fuel containers; approximate measurements -- four m. in diameter and five m. in height.
16. Wooden fence surrounding fuel base.
17. Fishing harbor.
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21. Four old bunkers, now used as storerooms by the Fish and Canning Factory.
22. Warehouse storing salt and salted fish.
23. Four cranes on platforms, lifting capacity one-half ton each, used to discharge fishing vessels.
24. Old tug, VANACS, supplying factory with hot water.
25. Factory building -- cutting of fish.
26. Factory building -- packing of fish for refrigeration plant.
27. Refrigeration plant.
28. Engine room.
29. Harbor master of fishing harbor and construction office of Fish Factory.
30. Salting of fish.
31. Lepaya lighthouse.
32. Generating plant for lighthouse.
33. Billet for Soviet Navy sailors.
34. Joiners and blacksmith.
35. Dispatcher's office (Fishing Harbor).
36. Wooden fence.

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Lepaya Fishing Harbor and Fish Factory



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